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The 5 Trudovak Oblast, Turnovo

1. From April 1949 to April 1951, the 5 Trudovak Oblast commanded by Captain Minev, had its headquarters just outside Turnovo, approximately 200 meters from the eastern edge of the city. The territory in which Trudovak units subordinate to 5 Trudovak Oblast were employed on various construction projects, included:
 - a. The area near Telish;
 - b. The area near Klisura, east of Sofia; and
 - c. The site of the Rositsa Dam, north of Sevlievo.¹

The 403 Trudovak Battalion

2. In April 1949, the 403 Trudovak Battalion, subordinate to 5 Trudovak Oblast, was stationed in Deventsi village (N 43-19 E 24-10), north of Lukovit (N 43-12 E 24-10), where its personnel was engaged in the construction of the roadbed for a new rail line from Cherven Bryag (N 43-16 E 24-06) to Telish. no rails were ever laid and the entire project was abandoned in early 1950.²

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3. From April 1949 to December 1949, the 403 Trudovak Battalion was composed as follows:

- a. The 419 Trudovak Company;
- b. The 421 Trudovak Company; and
- c. The 422 Trudovak Company.

These three companies were stationed at Deventsi.

4. In late November 1949, approximately 100 members of 422 Trudovak Company, [redacted] transferred to "415 Independent Trudovak Company" (sic), then stationed at the site of the new Rositsa Dam, north of Sevlievo.³ The 415 Company remained there until May 1950 and then moved to Klisura (N 42-42 E 24-28). [redacted] the 419 and 421 Trudovak Companies moved to an area along the Danube River, in late December 1949. 25X1

5. In May 1950, upon its arrival in Klisura, the "415 Independent Trudovak Company" was redesignated 412 Trudovak Company. At this same time the 421 Trudovak Company was already in Klisura. Shortly thereafter, however, the 421 Trudovak Company was disbanded and, in July 1950, the 412 Trudovak Company was redesignated 421 Trudovak Company. This designation was still in effect in April 1951 [redacted] 25X1

6. Between April 1949 and April 1951, the 403 Trudovak Battalion was composed of 1100-1200 men, the 419, 421, and 422 Trudovak Companies were composed of 360-400 men, and the "415 Independent Trudovak Company" was composed of 400-500 men. Each platoon numbered between 80 and 100 men.

7. [redacted] the following officer personnel: 25X1

a. Captain Mikhov, commanding officer of 403 Trudovak Battalion [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

b. Senior First Lieutenant Angelov, deputy commanding officer and political officer of 403 Trudovak Battalion [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

c. Senior First Lieutenant Pasachev, commanding officer of 422 Trudovak Company; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

d. First Lieutenant Aleksandrov, deputy commanding officer of 422 Trudovak Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

e. Senior First Lieutenant Popov, commanding officer of 1 Platoon, 422 Trudovak Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

f. First Lieutenant Mutafov, commanding officer of 2 Platoon, 422 Trudovak Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

g. First Lieutenant Todorov, commanding officer of 4 Platoon, 422 Trudovak Company [redacted] 25X1
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- [redacted] 25X1
- i. First Lieutenant Bakalov, deputy commanding officer and political officer of 419 Trudovak Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - j. Senior First Lieutenant Kulimechkov, commanding officer of 421 Trudovak Company during 1949; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - k. First Lieutenant Nenev, deputy commanding officer of 421 Trudovak Company during 1949; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - l. Senior First Lieutenant Zhekov, commanding officer of 421 Trudovak Company after July 1950; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - m. First Lieutenant Tilkichiev, deputy commanding officer and political officer of 421 Trudovak Company after July 1950 [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - n. First Lieutenant Mitev, commanding officer of 1 Platoon, "415 Independent Trudovak Company" until May 1950, of 1 Platoon, 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950, and of 1 Platoon, 421 Trudovak Company after July 1950: [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]
 - o. Senior First Lieutenant Penchev, commanding officer of 3 Platoon, 421 Trudovak Company, after July 1950; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - p. First Lieutenant Toshev, commanding officer of 4 Platoon, 421 Trudovak Company after July 1950 [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - q. First Lieutenant Elenkov, commanding officer of "415 Independent Trudovak Company" in 1949 and until May 1950, commanding officer of 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950 [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - r. First Lieutenant Pirvov, deputy commanding officer and political officer of "415 Independent Trudovak Company" during 1949 and until May 1950, and of 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - s. First Lieutenant Sirakov, commanding officer of 2 Platoon, "415 Independent Trudovak Company" until May 1950, and of 2 Platoon, 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950 [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - t. First Lieutenant Terzhiev, commanding officer of 4 Platoon, "415 Independent Trudovak Company" until May 1950, and of 4 Platoon, 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
 - u. First Lieutenant Rosanov, commanding officer of 5 Platoon, "415 Independent Trudovak Company" until May 1950, and of 5 Platoon, 412 Trudovak Company during May and June 1950 [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

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9. [] issued the following uniforms:

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- a. A summer uniform made of dark green heavy cotton cloth without any trimming, shoulder board, or other identification features, except for a dark green Trudovak badge;
- b. A peak cap of the same material as the summer uniform;
- c. A winter uniform of coarse light brown cloth;
- d. A peak cap of the same material as the winter uniform;
- e. An overcoat of the same material as the winter uniform.

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All [] inspections were of a cursory nature. First the inspecting officers made a round of the work in progress, then they addressed the assembled Trudovaks and inquired whether or not they were satisfied with the working conditions, the food, and their treatment in general. Once the inspecting officer departed, everything returned to normal.

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1. [] Comment: For details on the November 1950 reorganization of the Bulgarian Trudovak Service []

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2. [] Comment: The existing Sofia-Pleven railway line already connects Cherven Bryag and Telish. However, it would appear [] that a more direct line was being constructed between these two towns, but this was evidently never completed.

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4. [] Comment: [] the tunnel west of Klisura [] had been completed, and that the Makotsevo (N 42-41 E 23-48)-Klisura section of the Sofia-Burgas railway line was put into operation.

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